



Major Diana was born on July 15, 1976 in Columbus Ohio to Paul and Kathleen Diana. He graduated from St. Charles Preparatory in 1994 and subsequently attended one year of college at The Ohio State University.

In 1996, Major Diana enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve and trained as an 0311 Rifleman. He served in Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, and 25th Marines from August 1996 to December 2001. During this period Major Diana participated in security operations at Marine Barracks Panama (1997), three division super squads (1997, 2000, 2001), one combined arms exercise (1998), and multiple cold weather annual training exercises.

He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on 2 April 2001 and received orders to Officer Candidate School.

From January 2002 to December 2002 Major Diana attended and graduated from Officer Candidate School, The Basic School, and Infantry Officer's Course. He subsequently served in 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines from December 2002 to December 2005. During this period he participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom I, security operations in support of Combined-Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, and Operation Iraqi Freedom 04-06. Major Diana held the following billets: S-3T, rifle platoon commander, 81mm mortar platoon commander, and mobile assault platoon commander.

From December 2005 to July 2008 Major Diana served at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory. During this period he participated in concept development and live-force experimentation for the Distributed Operations, Squad Fires Observer, and Enhanced Company Operations - Company Level Intelligence Cell projects. Major Diana held the following billets: observer-controller, planner, and project manager. He subsequently attended the Expeditionary Warfare School.

From September 2009 to June 2012, Major Diana served with 1st Battalion 9th Marines as the Commanding Officer Headquarters and Service Support Company (nine months) and the Battalion Operations Officer (twenty-four months). Operational experience during this period included, Operation Unified Response (Humanitarian Disaster Relief efforts following Haiti's earthquake); Theater Security Cooperation in Jordan, Djibouti, and Oman; and Operation Enduring Freedom -Afghanistan. Major Diana assumed command of Recruiting Station Charleston in June 2013.

Major Diana attended the following military schools: School of Infantry, Jungle Warfare School, Infantry Mortal Leader's Course, Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course, Expeditionary Warfare School, Tactical MAGTF Integrators Course, Curriculum Administrator's Course and the Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, Kansas.

His personal decorations include the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with the Combat "V" device and two gold stars in lieu of third award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Bronze Star Medal. Maj Diana holds a Masters in Military Arts and Science from the Army Command and Staff College.